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ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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EFFECTS OF POLLUTION CAUSED BY PETRO PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pollution caused by spurious petroleum products has more deadly effect on human beings than pollution caused generally; and

(b) if so, the effective steps taken or proposed to be taken to apprise the people of this fact?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)
(a) Pollution caused by spurious petroleum products could have more health impacts.
(b) The steps taken include the following:

i. Public awareness campaigns have been launched on the use of specified quality fuel and the public have been informed of the facilities available in retail outlets for checking of fuel quality.

ii. The oil companies are taking various steps to detect/prevent adulteration of petroleum products at retail outlets.

iii. The Government has advised the State and Union Territory Governments from time to time to ensure that the product reaches the targeted people as well as to identify and plug loopholes in the distribution system.

iv. Motor Spirit (MS)/High Speed Diesel (HSD) control order has been amended providing for testing of sample for various parameters including density checks, octane number of Motor Spirit and cetane number of High Speed Diesel etc.

v. The State and Union Territory Government authorities have been empowered to conduct inspections at retail outlets and take appropriate action against the erring dealers against any malpractices/irregularities detected.

vi. Promotion of Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) driven vehicles.